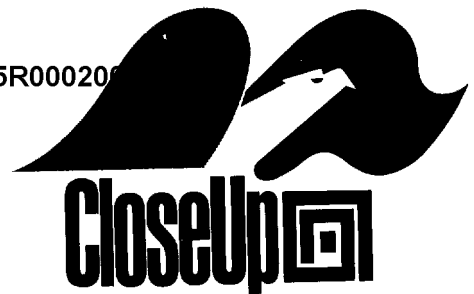


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The Close Up Foundation is a non-profit, multi-partisan educational organization which brings high school students to Washington, D. C., for a week's study of the political process and the federal government. We have designed a program which utilizes the capital city as "our classroom and our senior faculty" in providing students and teachers with the unique opportunity of learning through the actual experience of witnessing the political system in action.

As the core of our program we organize seminars throughout the week with individuals in and close to government --- congressmen, senators, lobbyists, jurists, media people, foreign policy experts, White House staffers, party representatives, and bureaucrats. We also have a highly qualified staff of instructors who lead daily workshops with the students.

In the six years since its inception CLOSE UP has met with great enthusiasm and interest in the educational community, as well as among both state and federal government officials. We believe that we have had a profound impact on many of the more than 30,000 students and teachers from twenty-two metropolitan areas who have participated. Each week's participants come from public and private schools in a single metropolitan area, an organizing principle we call the "city/community concept." People with diverse backgrounds from the same geographic area share a meaningful experience in Washington, which can be transplanted towards building a greater sense of community back home.

We strive to bring a cross-section of students from each community, both in academic and socioeconomic terms. We exclude neither the student with low grades nor the economically disadvantaged. Each school receives a grant to be awarded according to financial need. This is made possible by the acts of Congress which established in 1972 the Allen J. Ellender Fellowships, for providing financial assistance to needy students interested in participating in the CLOSE UP program. We are proud of the continued, bi-partisan support we have received on Capitol Hill.

The reason for my letter concerns PERSPECTIVES, a book which we prepare and distribute for the exclusive use of our students (along with Congressional Quarterly's Current American Government.) In the past, PERSPECTIVES has primarily been a compilation of reprinted articles from newspapers, journals,

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books, and The Congressional Record. From our experience we have concluded that our book would be a more effective resource if we could tailor the articles to a particular theme of interest to our students. In order to achieve this we are inviting individuals who have acknowledged experience and expertise to write short articles.

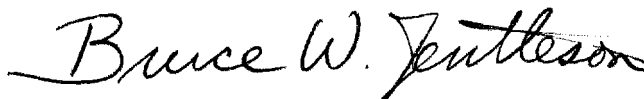
One of our subject sections concerns the CIA and the recent official investigations into its activities. We were hoping that you would consider authoring a short article, of approximately 1,000 words, for this section. In order to be of assistance should you be able to undertake this, I want to share with you some of the questions commonly raised and debated by our students:

- 1) What should the role of the CIA be in our government?
- 2) What are your observations on the manner in which the Congressional investigations have been conducted?
- 3) What reforms, if any, are necessary?

This subject section will also include an article which addresses these questions from the point of view of a critic of the CIA. We conceive of our program as a multi-partisan forum in which all sides of issues are represented. We hope that you will be able to assist us in presenting such a forum.

I've enjoyed this opportunity to explain the CLOSE UP program and I hope that you share some of our goals. We would need the article by September 6th, as printing deadlines will begin to set in on us in late September. Please inform us as soon as possible of your decision. Thank you.

Gratefully,



Bruce W. Jentleson

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I talked to Mr. Jentleson by phone on 24 August and gave him our regrets. He asked whether we could send a speech or two instead of an article. They would consider it for publication. What do you think? Waterloo?

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